

Listing of Claims:

1-38. (cancelled).

39. (currently amended) A method for providing a multimedia transfer service comprising:

transporting a multimedia transfer device to a user's home, the multimedia transfer device comprising,

a housing;

a plurality of media readers disposed adjacent one another within the housing;

a central processing unit in electrical communication with the plurality of media readers and disposed within the housing;

an encoder module in electrical communication with the central processing unit and disposed within the housing and configured to encode data read by said media readers in a specified encoding format; and

a data communication interface in electrical communication with the central processing unit and disposed within the housing and configured to copy said encoded data to a media storage and playback apparatus, said user having a collection of multimedia content stored on physical media;

and

using said multimedia transfer device to transfer said multimedia content from said physical media to a mass storage device at said user's home; and monitoring the efficiency with which said multimedia content is transferred from said physical media to said mass storage device, wherein efficiency is determined by statistical analysis of performance parameters gathered during said transfer, and wherein said performance parameters include disc processing rate, transfer apparatus duty cycle, and a length of time one or more individual drives of said transfer apparatus are empty.

40. (original) The method as in claim 39 further comprising:
indexing said multimedia content on said mass storage device on behalf of said user.

41. (original) The method as in claim 40 wherein indexing comprises:
identifying said multimedia content with a code transmitted over a network link from said user's home to a multimedia content database; and
downloading information related to said multimedia content from said multimedia content database.

42. (original) The method as in claim 41 wherein said code is a hashing code identifying said multimedia content using a fingerprint of said multimedia content.

43. (original) The method as in claim 41 wherein said information related to said multimedia content includes a title of said multimedia content and/or track data for said multimedia content.

44. (original) The method as in claim 41 wherein said information related to said multimedia content includes album cover information.

45. (original) The method as in claim 41 wherein information related to said multimedia content includes song lyrics.

46. (original) The method as in claim 41 wherein information related to said multimedia content includes information about artists who created said multimedia content.

47. (original) The method as in claim 41 wherein information related to said multimedia content includes interactive content.

48. (original) The method as in claim 39 wherein said physical media is a compact disk ("CD").

49. (original) The method as in claim 39 wherein said physical media is a digital video disk ("DVD").

50. (original) The method as in claim 41 wherein downloading said information occurs concurrently with transferring said multimedia content.

51. (original) The method as in claim 41 wherein downloading said information occurs after transferring said multimedia content.

52-54 (canceled).